

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for Scholars - 2013

The Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for scholars are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours. They are designed to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions.

The institutes will take place at various colleges and universities throughout the United States over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2013.

The Institutes and their descriptions are:

- **SUSI on U.S. Culture and Society:** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and other specialists with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, social, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested themselves in U.S. society while focusing on the ways in which these cultures have influenced social movements and American identity throughout U.S. history. The program will draw from a diverse disciplinary base, and will itself provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.
- **SUSI on American Politics and Political Thought:** will provide a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty with a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and major currents in American political thought. The Institute will offer an overview of political thought during the founding period (constitutional foundations) and the development and current functioning of the American presidency, Congress, and the federal judiciary. The examination of political institutions will include the electoral system, political parties and interest groups, the civil service system, media and think tanks, and the welfare/regulatory state. The Institute will address modern political and cultural issues in the United States (including but not limited to immigration and labor, women, environmental, and civil rights) and the significance of public discourse in the formulation of public policy. The Institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- **SUSI on Contemporary American Literature:** will provide a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty with a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and major currents in American political thought. The Institute will offer an overview of political thought during the founding period (constitutional foundations) and the development and current functioning of the American presidency, Congress, and the federal judiciary. The examination of political institutions will include the electoral system, political parties and interest groups, the civil service system, media and think tanks, and the welfare/regulatory state. The Institute will address modern political and cultural issues in the United States (including but not limited to immigration and labor, women, environmental, and civil rights) and the significance of public discourse in the formulation of public policy. The Institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- **SUSI on U.S. Foreign Policy:** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of how contemporary U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will include a historical review of significant events, individuals, and philosophies that have shaped U.S. foreign policy. The

Institute will explain the role of key players in U.S. foreign policy including the executive and legislative branches of government, the media, the U.S. public, think-tanks, non-governmental organizations, and multilateral institutions. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

- **SUSI on Journalism and Media:** will provide a multinational group of 18 journalism instructors and other related specialists with a deeper understanding of the roles that journalism and the media play in U.S. society. The Institute will examine the rights and responsibilities of the media in a democratic society, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, international journalism, and media business models. The Institute will cover strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the trade: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight technology's impact on journalism, such as the influence of the internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other changes in media that are transforming the profession. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.
- **SUSI on Religious Pluralism in the United States:** will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach and drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law, and others, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States. Participants will examine the following aspects of religious pluralism in the United States: the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics. The Institute will be hosted by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Eligibility

Candidates should:

- Be Saudi citizen (candidates born in the United States are considered ineligible)
- Be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced professionals from institutions of higher education
- Have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute
- Be an experienced professional with little or no prior experience in the United States
- Demonstrate English language fluency

Program Funding

All participant costs including international and domestic travel, housing, meals, and health coverage for the duration of the program are covered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of States.

Application Procedures

Interested applicants must complete and submit their [application forms](#) via e-mail to ExchangeProgramsSaudiArabia@state.gov by no later than **December 28, 2012**.

For questions and queries please contact the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Riyadh at 488-3800 ext. 4995